

Ning Tutorial

Ning is our learning network. Its functions and interface are very similar to more widely-known social networks (i.e. MySpace, Facebook, Friendster, etc.) We will use our Ning network to forge learning relationships with each other and with our partner class at the Korea International School. All class assignments will be posted on your Ning blog.

Registering for Ning and Joining our Online Connections Ning Network

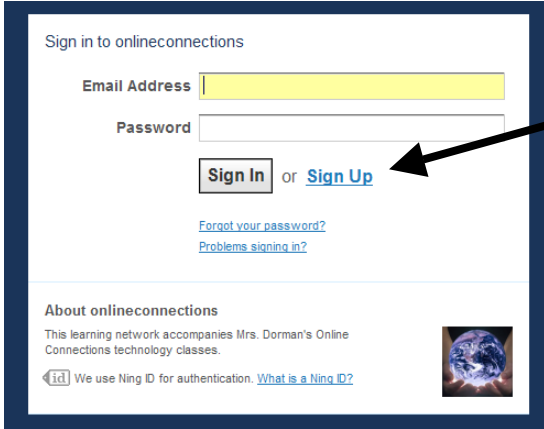
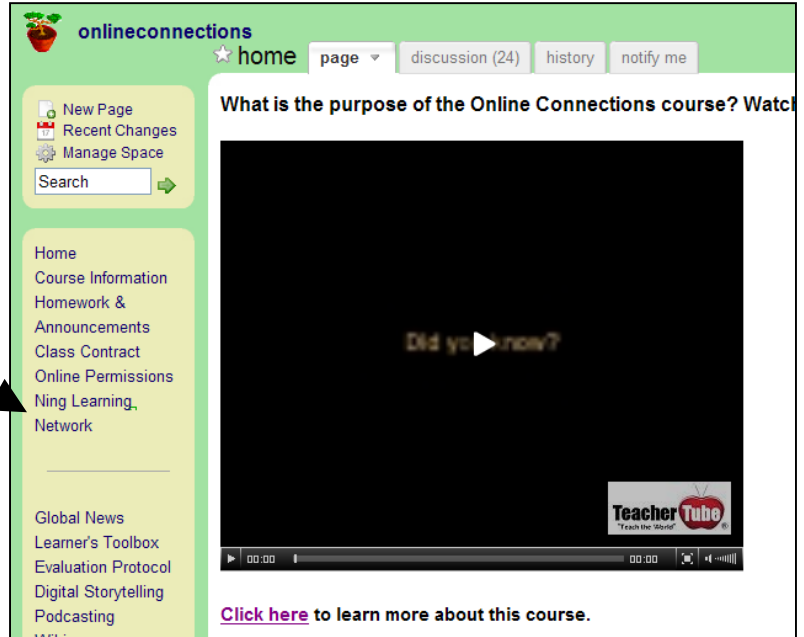
Step 1:

Open our class wiki.

<http://onlineconnections.wikispaces.com/>

Step 2:

Click on the Ning Learning Network link on the left-side navigation bar.



Step 3:

Click "Sign Up" to register with Ning.

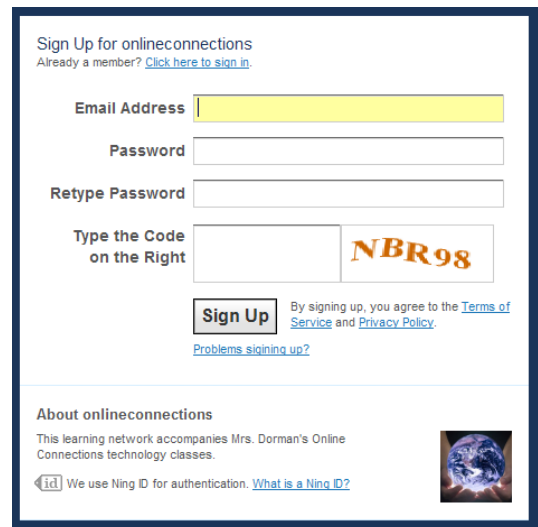
Step 4:

Type your e-mail (or a parent's e-mail).

Use your Wikispaces password as your Ning password.

Enter the security code.

Click "Sign Up."



Step 5:

Use your Wikispaces user name as your Ning name. →

Create your user profile by completing the rest of the fields.

You do not need to upload a profile photo, but it is helpful in identifying you. Remember that our Ning is password protected - only your classmates and Mr. Armstrong's students will see your profile.

Once you have completed the profile, click "Done."

Create Your Profile

Tell the people on onlineconnections more about yourself. Questions marked with a lock are private and only visible to network administrators.

Name

Profile Photo

What is your favorite online application/site?

(Required field) Supports text, embedded videos, photos, and widgets

In what ways has technology made you feel more connected to others?

(Required field)

Describe how technology has proved to be a frustration or challenge at some point in your life.

Step 6:

You will receive a confirmation that your membership in Online Connections is pending Mrs. Dorman's approval. (This is our way of assuring that only our learning community is part of our Ning network and that you are safe.)

Your Profile is Pending Approval

Hello, 59511Jen ([Sign Out](#))

Your profile details must be approved by the network administrator before you can become a member of onlineconnections. You will receive an email once your profile is approved.

Mrs. Dorman will sign into her Ning account to approve your membership.

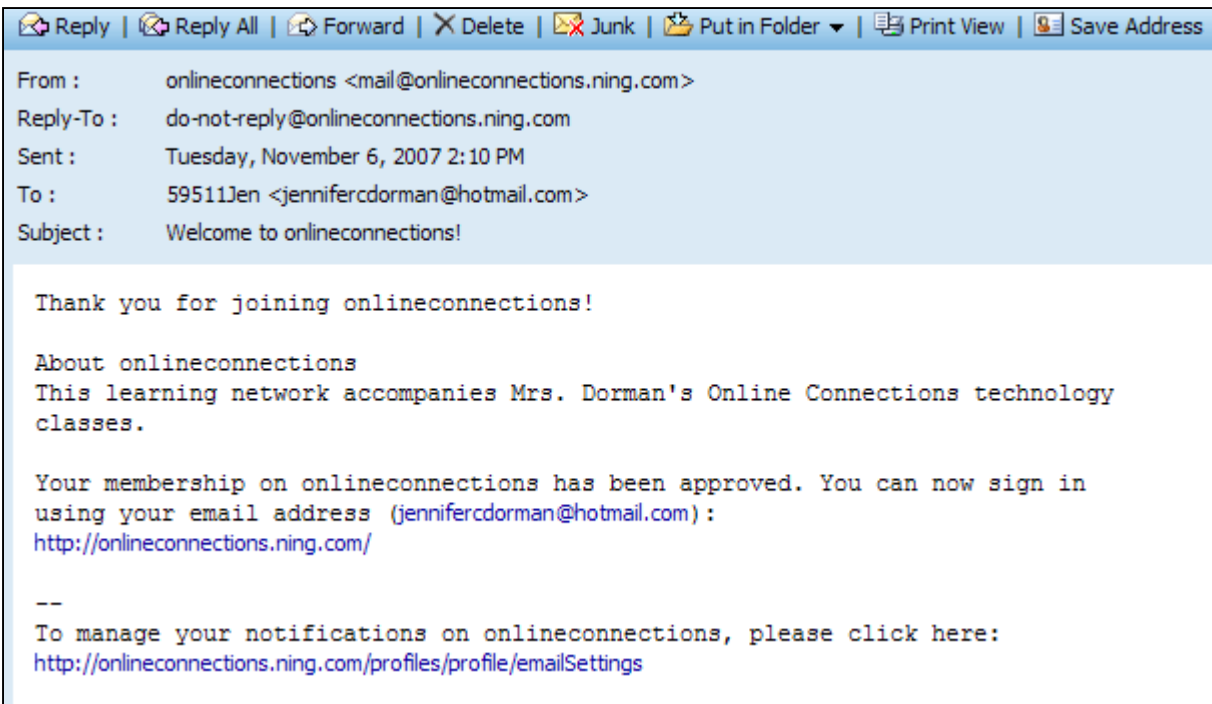
Members

[Members \(117\)](#) [Pending \(1\)](#) [Invited \(76\)](#)

[Accept Membership](#) [Decline Membership](#) [Ban from Network](#) [+ Invite More People](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Email	Status	Profile	Date Applied
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	59511Jen	jennifercdorman@hotmail.com	● Pending Approval	View Profile	Nov. 6, 2007

You will receive notification in your e-mail that your membership request has been accepted. That confirmation e-mail will come from "mail@onlineconnections.ning.com." It is possible that the mail might be sent to your Junk or Spam folder because your e-mail server will not recognize Online Connections.



Logging Into Our Online Connections Ning Network

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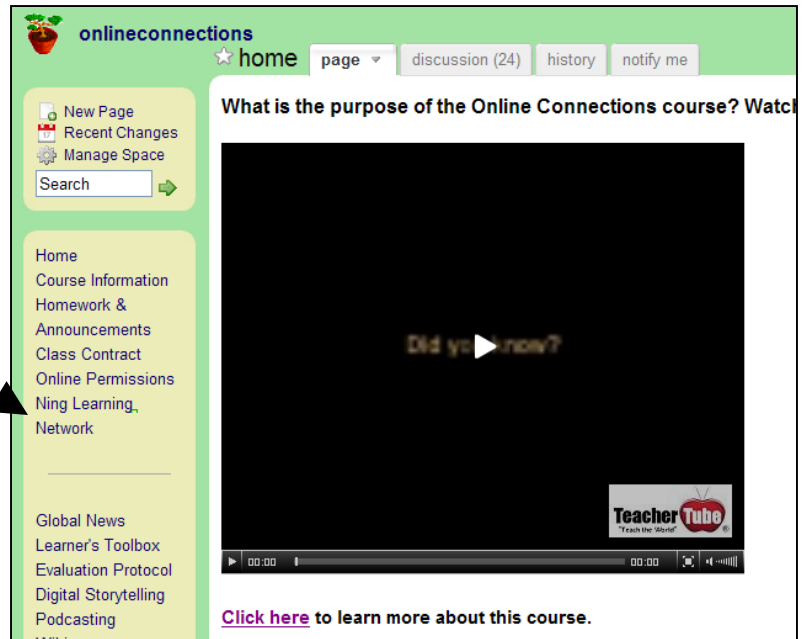
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Click on the Ning Learning Network link on the left-side navigation bar.

Or, type the URL address for our Ning network directly.

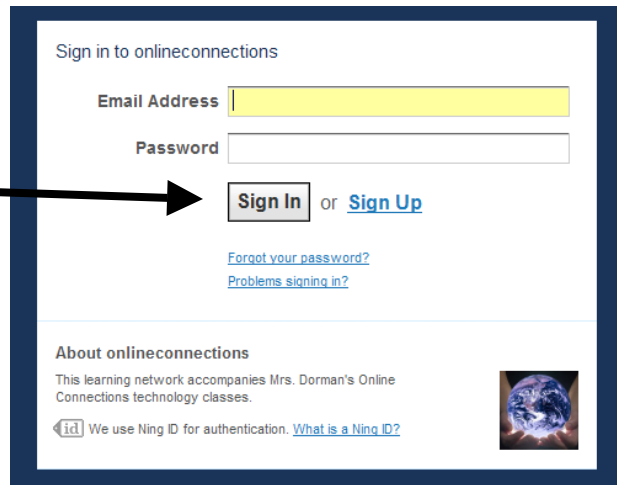
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Step 2:

Enter your e-mail address and password.

Click "Sign In."



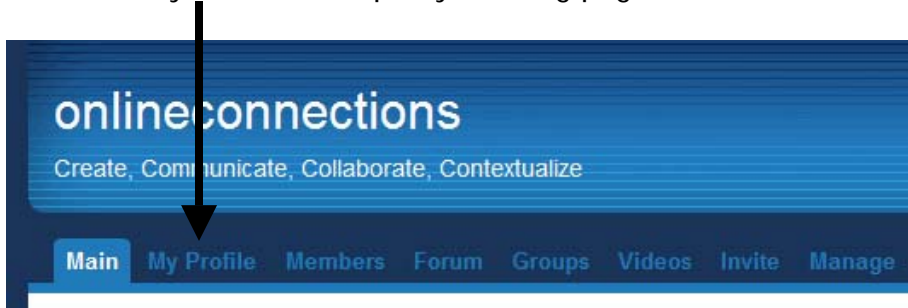
Blogging on Ning

Step 1:

Sign into Online Connections Ning.

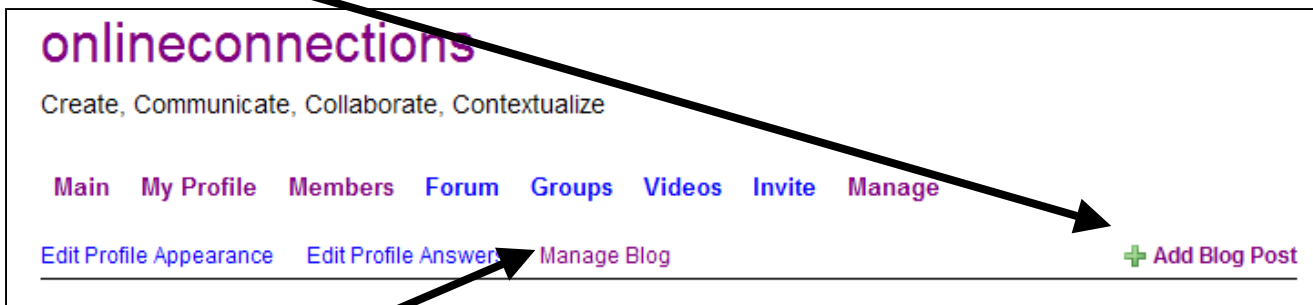
Step 2:

Click on "My Profile" to open your Ning page.



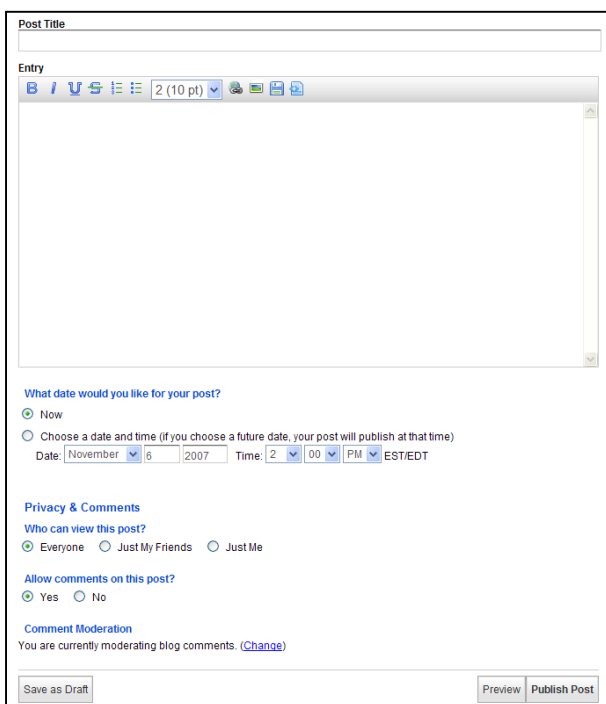
Step 3:

Click on "Add Blog Post" to create a new post.



Click on "Manage Blog" to edit existing saved and published posts.

Step 4:

A screenshot of the Ning blog post creation form. It includes a "Post Title" field, a rich text editor with a toolbar (bold, italic, underline, link, list, etc.), and a "Date" field set to November 6, 2007, at 2:00 PM EST/EDT. Below the date field are "Privacy & Comments" options: "Who can view this post?" with radio buttons for "Everyone", "Just My Friends", and "Just Me"; "Allow comments on this post?" with radio buttons for "Yes" and "No"; and "Comment Moderation" with a link to "Change". At the bottom are buttons for "Save as Draft", "Preview", and "Publish Post".

Enter your blog post and title. Use assignment names as your post titles so that they can be easily identified.

Click "Save as Draft" if you are not finished your post. (You can open it again later in "Manage Blog.")

Click "Publish Post" once your entry is completed and ready to be shared with others. (You must publish your posts for Mrs. Dorman to review them.)

Suggestion - type your blog postings in MS Word and spell-check it first. Then, copy and paste it into your Entry field